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OUT OF ORDER TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several telephone exchanges in Jharkhand and Bihar are out of order for the last several months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Telephone exchanges in Jharkhand and Bihar are generally functioning satisfactorily. However, 9 exchanges in Jharkhand and 3 exchanges in Bihar are faulty due to interruption on overhead lines, equipment/antenna faults and damage by extremist.

(c) The following steps are being taken to make them operational :-

(i) OFC media has been planned in place of overhead lines.

(ii) Repair of faulty antenna/lines.

(iii) Installation of new exchange in replacement of burnt exchange.